





**The Daily Journal.**

### Extension of the Western Railroad

We must confess, however, we have never given the subject of the Western terminus the consideration its importance demands. Our object has been to see the Road pushed forward to intersect the North Carolina Railroad at the most advantageous and available point. We are fully impressed

We regret exceedingly that any man in the South can be found, who would willingly accept the terms of reconstruction as proposed by the third section of the constitutional amendment. "To suppose that any 'Southern man would voluntarily adopt 'such a provision,' says Governor Perry in his late able and patriotic letter, (and these words come from a distinguished and hon-

Associated with him are Capt. Wm. A. Obenchain and Major Daniel Trueheart, both graduates of the Virginia Military Academy, with the honors of the institution. Our citizens will recognize in Capt. Obenchain, an officer who served with distinction upon the staff of the lamented General Whiting, and of whom General Lee thus wrote :

"He had immediate charge of the con-

**THE FUTURE OF WILMINGTON.**

For the Journal,  
**To the People of Wilmington.—No. 2.**  
*Messrs. Editors:*—I have seen with con-

It is well known, up the country, that Norfolk is getting a larger share of the trade of this region than Richmond, and yet the distance to Norfolk is greater than to Richmond or Wilmington.

After the investigation had proceeded thus far, motion was made by the counsel for the State to postpone a further investigation until 3 o'clock P. M., which was granted.

On an exchange recording the fall of a person into the river, says: "It is a wonder he escaped with his life." Prentice says: "Wouldn't it have been a still greater wonder if he had escaped without it?"

Charles L. Golden, of Chicago, died of cholera on the 26th ult., and his wife of consumption on the same day.

May I not ask your readers to ponder these views ?

GUILFORD.

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From the Fayetteville News.

interest of the State, develop her resources, carry on our produce to our own markets, build up our own towns, and stop the rapid tide of emigration from our State; give employment to our laboring poor, stimulate every branch of business, and give to our sons employment and a home in the "Land we love."

MILLEDGEVILLE, GA., NOV. 9.

The Legislature has rejected the Constitutional amendment. The resolution of rejection reads as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Georgia do

**VISIT TO EX-PRESIDENT DAVIS.**—Rev. Charles Minnegerode, D. D., rector of St. Paul's church, Richmond, and wife, sojourning in Norfolk, the guests of Tazewell Taylor, Esq., paid a visit to Jefferson Davis and family, at Fortress Monroe, on Thursday, and spent the day. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were communicants of St. Paul's during their residence in Richmond.



## STATE NEWS.

HONORS TO THE DEAD.—Notwithstanding the exceedingly inclement weather, there was a very general turnout of our citizens yesterday afternoon, to pay funeral honors to the soldier-brothers, Major James J. and Capt. Campbell T. Ireddell. The demonstration was most proper, creditable and gratifying,—proper, as a tribute to the memory of two brave and estimable citizens, townsmen, who served their State and section, and whose bearing in the field was such as to reflect honor upon their active city; creditable, as an exhibition, upon the part of the community, of a grateful appreciation of high worth and gallant services; and gratifying to those just freed of pride which the family and friends of the lamented dead must ever cherish, in the recollection of their virtues and heroic service.

At the hour designated for the funeral, the Episcopal Church was crowded almost to full capacity. The remains of the deceased brothers rested on a catafalque in front of the chancel, which fair and sympathizing hands had beautifully festooned with crosses and wreaths of flowers and garlands. The funeral was read by the Rev. Dr. Mason, when the cortege moved to the City Cemetery, a number of Confederate soldiers preceding the hearse, and a large portion of the community, both sexes, following.

The falling rain did not deter the young ladies from accompanying the procession, each provided with a handkerchief, with which to strew the resting places of the lamented dead—“nobly doing as their prime.”

James Johnson Ireddell was major of the 5th Regiment of N. C. Troops, Daniel's nephew. The writer of this was his classmate in the common school, and he well attested that on the 12th of May, 1864, when he fell at the point of the field of Spotsylvania. Possessing a strict sense of personal honor, a gentle and charitable heart, a remarkable regard for the feelings of others, and for the high-toned and noble qualities of the stock from which he sprung, he was in the truest sense of the word a gentleman. Green be the turf to him!

Captain Ireddell was a Captain in the 15th Regiment of N. C. Troops, (Col. Campbell.) We need not exhaust the language of eulogy, we could not so fittingly praise his character as by the narration of a touching incident: Captain Ireddell's name was mentioned by a shell during the battle of the Wilderness, when, in that mutilated condition, he lay on the ground for three miles off. Pressed nearly to death by the weight of the numerous shells that were carrying the wounded of the war, his invariable reply was:—“No! I do not care for my life, but I do care for my country, and I will not leave it.” The exhaustion and loss of blood, produced by the time and effort necessary to guide him to reach the hospital, so prostrated the gallant young man, that he sank into a comatose condition, and he died a martyr to his noble and patriotic misanthropy.

It was the grand eulogist of Sir Philip Sydney, who, lying on the field of battle, put from him a cup of cold water, that it might refresh the army of a comrade who lay bleeding by his side. Such an act is the noblest legacy that a hero can leave behind him. *Rich. South, 12th inst.*

COAST GUARDS.—Large quantities of cotton, and naval stores continue to be sent to Newbern. One shipment of 400 bales will reach here by the freight train from the Atlantic coast to-day, besides numerous smaller shipments not announced in advance. *North-Carolina Commercial.*

RECENTLY Wm. B. Wadsworth, Esq., resigned his position as General Agent of the A. & N. C. R. R. Mr. W. has been quite an accomplished officer, and has the respect and esteem of all who have had business intercourse with him. He has this position to resume the cultivation of his plantation—taking up, once more, an occupation he has been eminent in. *Wm. B. Wadsworth.*

GOV. MANLY. We this morning announced that gentleman as a candidate for Governor of the Commonwealth of North Carolina. He needs no introduction to our citizens. His services here during the war, as a prominent and useful member of an efficient regiment made him known favorably to the large majority of our citizens. His ability and demeanor, his ability as a legislator, and his character, are also well known. A scion of the best revolutionary stock of North Carolina, he is every way worthy of his position.

WE clip the above notice from the Raleigh Post, and in this native State, and we can truly say that it is said of him by the people of this State.

DR. HAMILTON S. SMITH, Esq.—We are pleased to have announced the death of Dr. Hamilton S. Smith, a native of Raleigh, and long a resident of this city. He was the Secretary of the North Carolina Insurance Company, expired at his residence on Sunday morning last, after a long and painful illness. He had been a member of the board of directors for many years, and his death was a great loss to the community.

## SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE RADICAL PROGRAMME.

Strong Letter from Hon. Benj. F. Perry against the Constitutional Amendment.

One by one the leading men of the South are taking position squarely and publicly against the constitutional amendment. It gives us pleasure to lay before our readers the following mainly letter from the Hon. Benjamin F. Perry.

GREENVILLE, S. C., October 28, 1866. *Chas. W. Woodward, Esq., Philadelphia.*

MY DEAR SIR:—I had the pleasure of receiving your letter a few days since, expressing a kind interest in the condition of the Southern States, and urging that South Carolina should adopt the constitutional amendment proposed by Congress. You also express a wish to know my views in reference to this all-absorbing political question.

It has been said that a man never can be dishonored except by himself. Others may injure him and oppress him; they may slander him and destroy him, but they can no more dishonor him and render him infamous than they can defame virtue, and truth and honor. The same may be said of a people or a nation. Whilst they pursue an honorable and patriotic course they cannot be disgraced by the insults, wrongs and oppressions of a stronger power, however tyrannical and exacting that power may be.

The Southern people may be deprived of all political power in the Union, their property may be confiscated, and their most distinguished and virtuous citizens gibbeted on the gallows, but they cannot be rendered infamous in history by any such barbarous and inhuman conduct. Such a course will only dishonor and render infamous their oppressors. I do not concur with you in supposing that the constitutional amendment will be adopted by three-fourths of the States. There are thirty States in the Union, and the amendment will require the adoption of twenty-seven. The rejection of the amendment by ten States will defeat it. It is morally certain—as certain as the sun will rise to-morrow—that the amendment will not be adopted.

You state that you greatly fear worse than this will be imposed on the South, if the amendment is not adopted. What security has the South that worse terms may not be imposed, if the amendment is adopted? We have no guarantee whatever that the Southern members will be admitted to their seats in Congress, after the amendment is adopted. Nothing of the kind is intended; and, whilst the test oath is exacted, it would be impossible for the Southern States to be represented in Congress, except by those who would dishonor and disgrace them. We have no guarantee that Congress will allow the Southern States as competent representatives, and appoint Provisional Governors over them, with instructions to convene “loyal” conventions, elected by universal negro suffrage, and have formed State Constitutions by which all white men shall be entitled to vote and hold office, and the rights of the colored race, to the exclusion of every one who has aided or countenanced the rebellion.

The first section of the constitutional amendment proposes to make citizens of all the negroes of the Southern States, without regard to moral character or attainments. Nothing of the kind is intended; and, whilst the test oath is exacted, it would be impossible for the Southern States to be represented in Congress, except by those who would dishonor and disgrace them. We have no guarantee that Congress will allow the Southern States as competent representatives, and appoint Provisional Governors over them, with instructions to convene “loyal” conventions, elected by universal negro suffrage, and have formed State Constitutions by which all white men shall be entitled to vote and hold office, and the rights of the colored race, to the exclusion of every one who has aided or countenanced the rebellion.

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The second section of the proposed constitutional amendment declares that representation shall be in proportion to the number of voters in each State, and that if any male inhabitant over the age of twenty-one years is excluded from voting for any reason, his vote shall not be counted in the basis of representation. This makes it imperative on the Southern States to give up their representation for a large portion of their population, or permit the negroes to vote. The injustice of this constitutional provision to the Southern States must be manifest to every unprejudiced mind.

In all the Southern States, a large proportion of their population consists of negroes, who are utterly incapable of holding office, or exercising any political rights. At the same time they exclude, by their labor, white persons, who would otherwise take their place, occupy the country and cultivate its lands. In the Northern States, they have very few negroes, and their exclusion from voting would not be a disadvantage. The consequence would be that one section of the American Union, with great wealth and a large population, would have no adequate influence in national legislation.

In South Carolina we have largely over a hundred thousand more negroes than white persons. If universal suffrage prevailed, the entire political power of the State would be in the hands of the negroes. They could elect to every office in the State one of their own caste, and send Senators and Representatives to Congress. The same state of affairs, deplorable as it would be, must likewise take place in Mississippi. And in all of the Southern States there would be many counties in a similar condition—negroes elected to the Legislature and filling all country offices.

To suppose that any Southern State would voluntarily adopt such a position in the National Constitution, is to presume that she is insensible to her own honor, and reckless of her own safety. It may be said that Tennessee has already done so. Never was there a greater mistake. If the constitutional amendment had been submitted to the people of Tennessee, it would have been rejected by nine-tenths of them. It was adopted only by a minority of her Legislature, and she has since repudiated it, and thoroughly disavowed it. In all communities there are unprincipled and infamous men, who seek power and notoriety by sacrificing honor and the interests of their country. Unfortunately for Tennessee, the scum and dregs of society have been thrown by the horrible civil war through which she has passed. Men have got into power in that State, accidentally and fraudulently, who are a disgrace to human nature, and who will ever remain infamous in history. These things cannot again occur in any other Southern State.

The third section of the proposed constitutional amendment is more revolting to an honorable mind than either of the others. It is, in the true sense of the word, a Bill of attainder and *ex post facto* law, so repugnant to the sentiments and feelings of an Englishman, and certainly not attempted by the English Parliament in the darkest and bloodiest days of English tyranny. The only incident in history analogous to it is the wish of Nero, that all men had but one neck so that he could cut them off at one blow. It is proposed, by one fell swoop, to strip thousands of honorable men of their rights, and to render them infamous for ever. It punishes for past offences, by one fell swoop, tens of thousands of honorable men. The conception of such a Bill was never before, probably, thought of by any Englishman, or the descendant of an Englishman. It is certainly not attempted by the English Parliament in the darkest and bloodiest days of English tyranny.

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be no barrier to a corrupt Congress in carrying out their purpose, as we know, by the sad experience of the present Congress in disregarding and trampling on the Federal Constitution.

The fifth section of the proposed amendment declares that Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article. Here we have a power given Congress to destroy all the rights of the States, and centralize all power in the National Government. Under the pretext that a State has abridged the privileges or immunities of a citizen, by refusing suffrage to the negroes, Congress may, under this section, declare universal suffrage to that class of persons. Under the pretext that some one has been deprived of his property, they may give the United States Courts entire jurisdiction of all litigation in the State. The legislative, executive and judiciary departments of the State Governments may, under this section, be entirely swallowed up by Congress, and the American Union made one grand consolidated empire.

The proposed amendment was not submitted to the President for his approval, as required by the Constitution, before being submitted to the State Legislatures, and they should not, therefore, consider it as a part of the proposed constitutional amendment for their adoption. Eleven States were excluded from Congress when it passed, and the President never sanctioned it.

But I feel well assured that Congress did not expect, or wish the ratification of this amendment by the States. The people were to be made to believe that Congress intended to reconstruct the Union. This was “a thin thread to the whole.” To amend them till the fall elections were over, Congress does not intend to have the States reconstructed till after the Presidential election in 1868. The Southern States were to be kept out of the Union till after that period, in order to insure the radical triumph.

The object of the radical leaders is to perpetuate the power of their party. This they think they can do by negro suffrage, and by that alone. But they were afraid to put that plank in their platform at present. It will be inserted two years hence. When Stewart proposed universal suffrage, and reconstruction, till after the Presidential election in 1868. The Southern States were to be kept out of the Union till after that period, in order to insure the radical triumph.

I have thus, my dear sir, given you my views in reference to the constitutional amendment. Let me conclude by assuring you that as feeble as South Carolina may be, and as “powerless” as you say she is, “to protect herself,” she is, nevertheless, able to maintain, amidst all her oppressions, her honor unsullied, and will never, voluntarily, accept her own degradation.

I am, with great respect, yours, &c. B. F. PERRY.

Dispute Schemes of the Jacobins. A Revolutionary Convention at Washington. Preparations to Depose the President and Overthrow the Government.

The Washington Chronicle, the organ of the Jacobins, gives conspicuous insertion to the following:

“Being profoundly impressed with the importance of the question, and the necessity of preserving the results gained by his triumph in the field, and now achieved in the halls of Congress, the committee appointed by the Soldiers and Sailors’ Union of Washington, D. C., do, in their name, hereby call upon the President and the members of the Federal Cabinet, to meet in a national convention, on Saturday, December 1st, proximo.

“The National Intelligencer of Saturday says:—“We are pained and shocked to announce, from many sources of reliable information, that the above call looks to the establishment here *en permanence* of an organized body, which will be the organ of the Federal Congress. What they may be, and what disastrous calamities impend over our beloved country, Heaven only knows. But the ferocious counsels of Butler, Wade and Forney may be carried out by the sword, smothering with blood the gallant soldier, brilliant orator, statesman, and Christian gentleman, bereft of every earthly possession, shut out from all converse with the human family, guarded by mutes, and a fallen nation, blind, maimed, tortured with an ingenious cruelty, which denied him sleep, with a brutal mob of millions clamoring for his blood, yet calm, defiant, undaunted, his gallant soldier, brilliant orator, statesman, and Christian gentleman, bereft of every earthly possession, shut out from all converse with the human family, guarded by mutes, and a fallen nation, blind, maimed, tortured with an ingenious cruelty, which denied him sleep, with a brutal mob of millions clamoring for his blood, yet calm, defiant, undaunted, his gallant soldier, brilliant orator, statesman, and Christian gentleman, bereft of every earthly possession, shut out from all converse with the human family, guarded by 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